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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 – 10.

Please add the following claims to the application:

11. (New) A synthetic bottle stopper made from a plasticizer-free, foamed thermoplastic elastomer composition comprising:
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one or more thermoplastic elastomeric block copolymers;
one or more branched polyolefins having a melt flow index of from 0.1 to 200 dg/min (at 2.16 kg/190°C, determined in accordance with ASTM D 1238); and
a blowing agent.

12. (New) The synthetic bottle stopper of claim 11, wherein said thermoplastic elastomeric block copolymer is a styrenic elastomeric block copolymer.

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